

REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR

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I believe the inventors named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 6,297,140, granted October 2, 2001, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled

METHOD TO PLATE C4 TO COPPER STUD

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto.

☐ was filed on _____ as reissue application number _____
and was amended on _____
(if applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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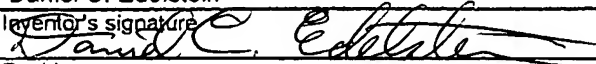
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